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SUBJECT: NEW ISRAELI SETTLEMENT SITES

REF: VELIOTES TO NEWLIN LETTER MAY 25, 1977

1. CONGEN HAS VERIFIED STATUS AND LOCATIONS OF
THREE SETTLEMENTS REFERRED TO IN REF BY VISITS TO SITES.

A. MIGDAL 'OZ. THE FIFTH SETTLEMENT IN THE
GUSH ETZION BLOC IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY ONE KM.
EAST OF THE JERUSALEM-HEBRON ROAD ON THE NORTH
SIDE OF THE SECONDARY ROAD LEADING TO BEIT FAJJAR.
(APPROXIMATELY 3138 N., 3509 E.) (POINT 031025
SHEET 3053 III, SERIES K737S.) SITE WHICH IS UNDER
CONSTRUCTION OCCUPIES BETWEEN 5 TO 6 ACRES. FIVE
CORRUGATED-IRON SHEDS AND FOUR CONCRETE DWELLINGS
EACH CONTAINING FIVE APARTMENTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.
WATER LINES LEAD FROM GUSH ETZION TO STORAGE TANKS
IN NEW SETTLEMENT. NO ELECTRICITY OR SECURITY
FENCE. UNINHABITED.

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B. SHAYELET. SETTLEMENT INCLUDES ABOUT 30
CONCRETE HOUSING UNITS. NO SECURITY FENCE, AS YET.
ALTHOUGH CLEARLY VISIBLE FROM ARABIC VILLAGE OF
DEIR QADDIS, APPROACH IS FROM THE EAST. WE
APPROXIMATE SITE AS POINT 914335, SHEET 3053, SERIES
(737S.) (3155N, 3501E). LOCATION IS IN NORTHERN

PORTION OF NO-MAN'S LAND.

C. ABOUT FIVE KILOMETERS TO THE SOUTH, ALSO IN NO-MAN'S LAND, PREPARATION OF A SITE IS UNDER WAY. NO CONSTRUCTION AS YET. (POINT 920312, SAME MAP.) (3154N, 3502E). A JEWISH NATIONAL FUND ROAD LINKS THIS SITE TO MEVO MODI'IM TO THE NORTHWEST.

2. STATUS OF OFRA. WE ARE TRYING TO CONFIRM REPORTS WE HAVE HEARD THAT OFRA HAS INDEED BEEN GIVEN OFFICIAL AUTHORIZATION EARLY IN 1977. SITE IS INCORRECTLY LOCATED ON DEPT'S MAP OF WEST BANK AND VICINITY. CORRECT SITE IS AT POINT 132380 SHEET 3053 I, SERIES (737) (3157N, 3516#.)

3. COMMENT: MIGDAL 'OZ IS FIRST GUSH ETZION SETTLEMENT TO BE LOCATED EAST OF JERUSALEM-HEBRON ROAD. IF, AS FORMER PM RABIN SUGGEST IN SEPTEMBER 1976, GUSH ETZION IS TO BE PART OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL IN ANY FINAL POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, THEN FUTURE ISRAELI BORDERS WOULD LOGICALLY HAVE TO INCLUDE PART OF THE MAIN NORTH-SOUTH ROAD. THE NEW SETTLEMENT IS LOCATED ABOUT ONE KM. FROM ARAB VILLAGE OF BEIT FARRAJ IN A RELATIVELY DENSELY POPULATED AREA.

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